

things as measured by herself is of course a very ordinary thing, but the miraculous is that she finds in a few years her following numbers over a million.

At the age of eighty-six years this inscrutable old woman, who has been attacked on the one hand by the medical profession and on the other hand by the church, who is continually arraigned by the masses of the intelligent populace, sits counting her recruits—among whom she can reckon men of higher education than she is capable of estimating and money which flows in without being checked by the stringency of the times.

The failure of her "faith" to justify itself by cures, etc., does not apparently affect her following. They accept her explanations and bow to the inevitable.

Much has been written for and against Christian Science, the magazines have been in some instances monopolized by the claims and pretensions of the cult, the lawsuits, the temple, but so far as we know there is no work which embraces the whole subject so completely as the present one. Mr. Powell will not make any converts for Mrs. Eddy.

A **TEXT-BOOK OF PHYSIOLOGY.** By Isaac Ott, A.M., M.D., Professor of Physiology in the Medico-Chirurgical College of Philadelphia; Ex-Fellow in Biology Johns Hopkins University; Consulting Neurologist, Norristown Asylum, Pennsylvania; Ex-President of the American Neurological Association, etc. Second Edition Revised and Enlarged. F. A. Davis Company, Philadelphia.

THE second edition of Isaac Otts' Text-Book of Physiology appears only three years after making its first bow to the public. The present volume is increased over one-third of its original proportions. Much of the original text has been rewritten; much new matter has been added, including the latest developments in the science of physiology in all its branches, making the book thoroughly up to date as a reference and final authority on all questions relating to the study of physiology.

A **MANUAL FOR HOSPITAL NURSES AND OTHERS ENGAGED IN ATTENDING THE SICK.** By Edward I. Domville, L.R.C.P., London, M.R.C.S., England. Surgeon to the Royal Devon and Exeter Hospital; Lecturer and Examiner St. John's Ambulance Association. Ninth Edition. Blakiston's Sons, Philadelphia. Price, Seventy-five cents.

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A MANUAL OF PERSONAL HYGIENE, PROPER LIVING UPON A PHYSIOLOGIC BASIS. By American Authors. Edited by Walter L. Pyle, A.M., M.D., Member of the American Ophthalmological Society; Fellow of the College of Physicians of Philadelphia; Fellow of the American Academy of Medicine; Assistant Surgeon to the Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, etc. Third Edition; 12 mo. of 451 pages; illustrated. Price, \$1.50 net. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

THE plan of this book which is written in eight chapters, each one by a different author, who is a specialist in the line of his subject, of indisputable authority, might in some hands prove disjointed and uneven reading. Dr. Pyle and his collaborators, however, work together so harmoniously that the reader hardly notices the changes that succeed each other in the book as one subject after another is taken up by its respective author. If there is a want in the book it is a chapter all to itself on general hygiene. The editor's introductory in a measure fills this lack, but in the reviewer's opinion the subject would bear amplification. True each author has something to say respecting general hygiene, eating, drinking, bathing, sleeping, exercise, but each speaks from his own standpoint rather than from a general basis. Charles G. Stocton, M.D., of Buffalo, writes of "Hygiene of the Digestive Apparatus;" George H. Fox, M.D., New York, of the "Hygiene of the Skin and Its Appendages;" E. Fletcher Ingalls, M.D., of Chicago, "Hygiene of the Vocal and Respiratory Apparatus;" Alex. Randall, M.D., of Philadelphia, "Hygiene of the Ear;" Walter Pyle, M.D., of Philadelphia, "Hygiene of the Eye;" T. W. Courtney, M.D., of Boston, "Hygiene of the Brain and Nervous System;" G. N. Stewart, M.D., of Chicago, "Physical Exercise," and D. H. Bergey, M.D., of Philadelphia, on "Domestic Hygiene." This last chapter is mainly devoted to the con-